

No. R-510. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Maple Festival on its golden anniversary.

(H.C.R.356)

Offered by: Representatives Connor of Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City, Parent of St. Albans Town, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Murphy of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Carr of Brandon, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Dakin of Colchester, Dame of Essex, Donovan of Burlington, Eastman of Orwell, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Frank of Underhill, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenex of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Martin of Wolcott, McCormack of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Purvis of Colchester, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilica of Dover, Smith of Morristown, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, maple sugar, Vermont's first specialty product, dates to the era when Native Americans tapped maple trees, and

Whereas, Vermont law recognizes the symbolic importance of everything maple in our State as the State Flavor is "Maple from the Vermont sugar maple tree" (1 V.S.A. § 510), and the State Tree is the "sugar maple" (1 V.S.A. § 499), and

Whereas, the premier celebration of maple's golden sweetness is the Vermont Maple Festival to be held this year on April 22–24 in St. Albans, and 2016 marks this great maple extravaganza's 50th anniversary, and

Whereas, on July 30, 1973, in recognition that the Franklin County Maple Festival attracted visitors from around the State and promoted maple products far beyond Franklin County's borders, Governor Thomas Salmon issued a proclamation changing the festival's name to the Vermont Maple Festival, and

Whereas, the Vermont Maple Festival's central focus point is the exhibit hall where a variety of maple-related activities and products are featured, including maple cooking contests, maple cream frosted doughnuts, maple cream pies, maple syrup, and other delicious maple treats, and

Whereas, many other events are encompassed in the Vermont Maple Festival, including displays of antiques, crafts, and specialty foods; entertainment such as fiddlers, comedy skits, and youth talent shows; pancake breakfasts; a maple dinner; sugarhouse tours; the Sap Run foot race; a colorful carnival; the always anticipated sugar on snow; the carousel in Taylor Park; and a grand two-hour parade with bands, colorful costumed characters, and floats, and

Whereas, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce has named the Vermont Maple Festival, which is anticipated to attract 35,000 visitors, as a Top Ten Summer Event for 2016, and

Whereas, the Vermont Maple Festival has been publicized in many media outlets and travel books, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Maple Festival on its golden anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Maple Festival.